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For : METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY MATCHING THE
LEVELS OF THE SIGNALS EXCHANGED IN A
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/FR98/00295 filed
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification (which are the annexes of the International
Preliminary Examining Report) as follows:

On Page 1, at line 16, delete [station] and insert exchange.

On Page 2, before line 14, please insert the following paragraph:

AI -- Document US 5422950 (Miller et al.) relates to the automatic
compensation for attenuations in a telephone system. The estimate of the
impedance of the line is made by measuring the voltage on the lines 28, 30 for a
particular current using a simple resistance-measuring circuit 42. The subject
matter of document US 422950 does not solve the problem mentioned above. --

On Page 4, at line 24, delete [station] and insert exchange.